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1. APPRECIATE DEPT' S REPEATING REF B WHICH PROVIDES SOME
BACKGROUND ON CONSIDERATION PORTUGUESE PERMANENT OBSERVER
STATUS AT OAS. HOWEVER, IT DOES NOT, I FEEL, PROVIDE
ADEQUATE BACKGROUND FOR SATISFACTORY ANSWER TO FOREIGN
MINISTER WEEKS' DEMARCHE (REF A) . SPECIFICALLY THERE IS
NO INDICATION WHY USG PLANS TO SUPPORT PORTUGUESE APPL-
CATION IN FACE OF STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT MOVE WILL
GENERATE WIDESPREAD BEWILDERMENT AND INDIGNATION ON PART
OF AFRICAN STATES.

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2. I WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER A STRONG PLEA FOR A RE-CONSIDERATION OF USG POSITION TO AT LEAST ABSTAIN ON ISSUE. WHILE I AM OF COURSE, UNAWARE OF WHAT IMPORTANT GAINS ARE TO BE MADE IN CONTEXT US- PORTUGUESE RELATIONS IF US SUPPORTS PORTUGUESE APPLICATION, I CAN PREDICT WITH FAIR DEGREE OF CERTAINTY THAT SUCH A MOVE WILL BE MOST RETROGRESSIVE IN CONTEXT OF US- AFRICAN RELATIONS. OUR AFRICAN FRIENDS AND STRONG SUPPORTERS (OF WHICH I CONSIDER LIBERIA TO BE ONE) LIKELY INTERPET OUR SUPPORT OF PORTUGAL IN OAS CONTEXT AS CLEARCUT INDICATION USG ASSIGNS LOW PRIORITY TO GOOD RELATIONS WITH BLACK AFRICA. FACT THAT LIBERIA, NORMALLY CONSIDERED ONE OF " Milder" AFRICAN STATES, HAS SEEN FIT TO MAKE HIGH- LEVEL EXPRESSION OF CONCERN IS, I BELIEVE, WORTH CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. AMONG MORE RADICAL AFRICAN STATES, I WOULD EXPECT ACTION TO BE MUCH MORE PRONOUNCED AND TO INCLUDE ASSERTION THAT USG ACTION CONFIRMS THEIR REPEATLY ASSERTED CLAIMS THAT USG CONTINUES SUPPORT COLONIALISM IN AFRICA.

3. I WILL AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEPT SPECIFICALLY TO HELP ME IN AS POSTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE A RESPONSE AS POSSIBLE TO FOREIGN MINISTER WEEKS' DEMARCHE.
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